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IN RE APPLICATION OF: **CHEN ET AL.**

APPLICATION NO.: **09/836,035** : Examiner: Huang, E. M.

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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on November 26, 2002, and having an original period for response of three (3) months, which expired on February 26, 2003, be extended by three (3) months, such that it expires on May 27, 2003.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge the amount of \$930.00, as stated under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

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